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Environmental Infrastructure Assistance: Northern Wisconsin



This wastewater treatment plant illustrates the type of projects that would be eligible under the Section 154 Program.

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Location/Description

The Section 154 program provides the Corps of Engineers the authority to provide assistance to Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas and Iron counties in Wisconsin.

Purpose

The Section 154 Program authorizes the Corps of Engineers to provide assistance to northern Wisconsin public entities in the "form of design and reconstruction assistance for water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects in northern Wisconsin, including projects for wastewater treatment and related facilities, water supply and related facilities, environmental restoration, and surface water resource protection and development."

Background

The Section 154 authority is similar to other infrastructure-related authorities provided to the Corps. Based on experience, the Corps expects that there will be a substantial demand for infrastructure assistance in the four counties.

Status

The Section 154 Program was not funded for fiscal 2001. Therefore, no activity has taken place. If the program is funded for fiscal 2002, the Corps will work with the counties and the state to identify potential projects.

Authority

Section 154 of Public Law 106-554 authorizes the program.

Fiscal

In fiscal 2001 no federal funds were available to the Army Corps of Engineers for cost-shared participation in the program. Infrastructure assistance is provided on a 75 percent federal/25 percent sponsor basis.